

DIFFERENT STAGES' REPERTORY
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Different Stages Presents

Lisa Kron's well

November 11- December 3
at the Vortex, 2307 Manor Road



Different Stages presents

Well

by Lisa Kron

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director Norman Blumensaadt
 Assistant Director Phoebe Greene
 Stage Manager..... Amy Lewis
 Set Design Ann Marie Gordon
 Light Design..... Justin Louis Morris
 Costume Design..... Emily Cawood
 Fight Choreography..... Travis Dean
 Light/Sound..... Amy Lewis
 Set Crew..... Ann Marie Gordon, Elaine Jacobs, Andy Ange
 Properties Norman Blumensaadt
 Webmaster..... Martina Ohlhauser
 Photography..... Bret Brookshire
 Graphic Artist..... Matthew Ing
 Program Design Emily Erington
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CAST:

Lisa Kron..... Sarah Seaton
 Ann Kron..... Jennifer Underwood
 Howard Norris, Head Nurse, Himself Philip Cole
 Lori Jones, Kay, Mrs. Price, Cynthia, Herself Chelsea Manasseri
 Joy, Dottie, Herself Jan Phillips
 Jim Richardson, Nurse 2, Little Oscar, Big Oscar, Himself Ronnie Williams

This play is performed without an intermission.

Produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois.

Well was originally produced on Broadway by Elizabeth Ireland McCann, Scott Rudin, Boyett Ostar Productions, True Love Productions, Terry Allen Kramer, Roger Berlin, Carole Shorenstein Hays, John Dias, Joey Parnes, Larry Hirschhorn, The Public Theater and The American Conservatory Theater.

Original New York Production by The Public Theater, Mary Manus, Executive Director, George C. Wolfe, Producer.

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<i>Well</i> by Lisa Kron	Nov. 11 - Dec. 13, 2011
<i>The Children's Hour</i> by Lillian Hellman	Jan. 6-28, 2012
<i>Saint Joan</i> by George Bernard Shaw	April 13-May 5, 2012
<i>Drama At Inish</i> (or <i>Is Life Worth Living</i>) by Lennox Robinson	June 29-July 21, 2012

ABOUT DIFFERENT STAGES

Different Stages, Inc. has been a community-based organization since its inception in 1981 and incorporation in 1984. It produces works by playwrights whom we believe to be defining forces in theatre. We seek to entertain with performances that reveal life in all its comedy, tragedy and intensity; and we hope to educate by choosing plays that provide exceptional insight into the human condition. By challenging ourselves as artists, and our audiences as participants, we endeavor to provide the community with vigorous and exciting live theatre.

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ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT

LISA KRON has been writing and performing theater since coming to New York from Michigan in 1984. Her play, *Well*, opened to critical acclaim on Broadway in March 2006 and received two Tony nominations. It premiered previously in Spring 2004 at the Public Theater and was listed among the year's best plays by the New York Times, the Associated Press, the Newark Star Ledger, Backstage, and the Advocate, followed by an acclaimed run at A.C.T. in San Francisco. Her play *2.5 Minute Ride* premiered at La Jolla Playhouse in 1996 and then in New York at the Public Theater in 1999 and has toured extensively. It received an OBIE Award, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Circle nominations, L.A. Drama-Logue and GLAAD Media Awards and was named the best autobiographical show of 1999 by New York Press. Kron's other plays include *101 Humiliating Stories* (Drama Desk nomination) and *Martha*, which she co-wrote with and for choreographer/performer Richard Move. Kron is also a founding member of the OBIE and Bessie Award-winning theater company The Five Lesbian Brothers, whose plays, *Oedipus at Palm Springs*, *Brave Smiles*, *Brides of the Moon* and *The Secretaries* have all been produced by New York Theater Workshop and have been performed widely both nationally and internationally by the Brothers and by other companies. Her most recent play is *In the Wake*. She teaches playwriting at the Yale School of Drama.

CAST BIOGRAPHIES

PHILIP COLE (Howard Norris, Head Nurse, Himself) got his start at Second City in Chicago. In addition, he appeared in several productions with the Loop Players, among them Stanley Kowalski in *A Streetcar Named Desire* and as Charles Condomine in *Blithe Spirit*. Locally, he has performed in Don DeLillo's *Valparaiso* and *Dream One* with The Search Party, *The Shadow Box* with North by Northwest, and *The Skin of our Teeth* and *Too Many Husbands* with Different Stages.

CHELSEA MANASSERI (Kay/Lori Jones/Cynthia/Mrs. Price/Herself) is happy to be returning to the Vortex stage, where previously she appeared in *Sleeping Beauty* (Yyola the Magician), *Vampyress* (King Matthias), *Lear* (Doctor/Ensemble), and *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf* (lady in purple). Chelsea holds a BA in Musical Theatre from Oakland University in Rochester Hills, MI. While attending Oakland, Chelsea was fortunate enough to perform in a wide variety of plays and musicals, including *Honk!* (Lowbutt), *Follies* (Solange Lafitte), and *Crumbs from the Table of Joy*, in which her performance as Lily Ann Green earned her a 2008 KCACTF Irene Ryan Award Nomination. Chelsea extends her love and gratitude to her wonderfully supportive family, incredibly loving friends, and, of course, to the talented cast and creative team of *Well*!

JAN PHILLIPS (Joy, Dottie, Herself) is performing with Different Stages for the first time. She has appeared in many productions in and around Austin including *The Dixie Swim Club* and *Dashing Through the Snow* at Sam Bass Theater in Round Rock, *The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later* for NXNW Theatre Company, *Third* with Paradox Players, for which she was nominated for a B.Iden Payne award, and *Steel Magnolias* at the Georgetown Palace Theater. Jan would like to dedicate this production of *Well* to the late John Mitchell who introduced her the amazing world of theatre. Thank you, Mr. Mitchell.

SARAH SEATON (Lisa) is proud to be making her fifth appearance with Different Stages and would like to thank Phoebe and Norman for the opportunity. Some of her favorite roles include the Widow Quin in *Playboy of the Western World* for Different Stages, Meg Magrath in *Crimes of the Heart* for ONSTAGE Theater Company and Clara Breedlove in the Different Stages production of *The Traveling Lady*, for which she won a B. Iden Payne award. She dedicates her performance to her beautiful niece Kristin, who has never stopped fighting to stay well, and thanks Jennie, Chelsea, Jan, Phil and Ronnie for their talent, energy and support. She also sends a very special thank you to her husband, David, for his encouragement, love and patience.

JENNIFER UNDERWOOD (Ann Kron) last performed for Different Stages in the role of Flora in *Humble Boy*. Other Different Stages roles include Grace Anne in *The Carpetbagger's Children*, Esther in *Morning's at Seven*, the title role in *Miss Witherspoon*, Mrs. Venable in *Suddenly Last Summer*, Lotte Shoen in *Lettice and Lovage*, Queen Elizabeth I in *The Beard of Avon*, Catherin Petkoff in *Arms and the Man*, Mrs. Siezmagraff in *Betty's Summer Vacation*, (B. Iden Payne Award for Outstanding Actress in a Comedy), the title role in *The House of Bernarda Alba*, Gertie in *Fuddy Meers*, Mrs. Dudgeon in *The Devil's Disciple*, Kate in *The Cripple of Inishmann*, Kate in *All My Sons* and Norma in *The Misses Overbeck*. Other Austin area productions include The Duchess in *The Casket of Passing Fancy*, Mag in *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, (B. Iden Payne for Outstanding Cast Performance and the 2009 Austin Critics Table Award for Outstanding Acting in a Leading Role), Kate in *Dancing at Lughnasa*, Vera in *Auntie Mame*, Sis in *Queen of Bingo*, Big Mama in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, Melissa in *Love Letters*, Bessie in *Marvin's Room*, Elizabeth in *The Petition*, Betty in *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon-Marigolds*, and Evie in *The Gingerbread Lady*.

RONNIE WILLIAMS (Jim Richardson, Nurse 2, Little Oscar, Big Oscar, Himself) is performing his second show with Different Stages, however, it is his first crack back into the theatre scene here in Austin after a long hiatus. He is thrilled to be back and is enjoying every minute of it. Hopefully this pushes him in the direction of more shows. Enjoy!

DIRECTION AND DESIGN BIOGRAPHIES

NORMAN BLUMENSAADT (Director) is the Producing Artistic Director for Different Stages. As an actor he has worked in Shakespeare Festivals in Odessa, Texas, Madison, New Jersey and Dallas, Texas. For Different Stages, he has recently appeared in *Humble Boy*, *Eurydice*, *A Number*, *The Miser*, *Arms and the Man* and *The Playboy of the Western World*. Among the numerous shows that he has directed are *The House of Bernarda Alba*, *An Ideal Husband*, *The Beard of Avon*, *The Hollow*, *The Constant Wife*, *The Skin of Our Teeth*, and *The Carpetbagger's Children*. In celebration of his long and outstanding work in the Austin theater scene, the Austin Circle of Theaters bestowed upon Norman the 1998 Deacon Crain/John Bustin Award. His productions of *The Hasty Heart* and *The Goat or Who is Sylvia* won ACOT Awards for Best Production of a Drama. Different Stages was also the first theatre company in Austin to produce *Arcadia* by Tom Stoppard; that production won the Austin Theater Critics Award for Best Comedy. Next summer he will direct *Drama At Inish* (or *Is Life Worth Living: an exaggeration in three acts*).

EMILY CAWOOD (Costume Design) received her BFA in Technical Theatre Design and Acting from Abilene Christian University. She recently finished working nine seasons with Ballet Austin as a designer, wardrobe assistant, and shoe manager. Some of her Ballet Austin design credits include *Truth and Beauty*; *the Bach Project*, *Peter and the Wolf* and *Symphony of Clouds*. She has designed several shows with Different Stages, the most recent being *Morning's At Seven* and *Night of the Iguana*.

ANN MARIE GORDON (SCENIC DESIGN) is pleased to be working again with Different Stages. Her recent work with Different Stages was *A Number*, which was nominated for a Critics Table Award. She is a member of the Vortex Repertory Company where she designed the sets for *Oceanna*, *The Inbetweeners*, and *The Dragonfly Queen*, all premier works recently presented by the Vortex.

PHOEBE GREENE (Assistant Director) reprises her role as Assistant Director for *Well*. She recently acted as Assistant Director in Different Stages' *Too Many Husbands*, in addition to the acting role of Taylor. Recent acting credits include Frau Fahrenkopf in Different Stages' *The Night of the Iguana*, Miranda in *Smoke Screen*, and numerous productions with The Violet Crown Radio Players. Notably she portrayed Doris Walker in *Miracle on 34th Street*, Hazel in *Dorothy Parker's Big Blonde* and as an audio engineer for *King Kong*, which garnered a B. Iden Payne Awards Nomination for Outstanding Sound Design. She holds degrees in RTF and History from UT Austin and is delighted to work with this talented ensemble in her third Different Stages production.

AMY LEWIS (Stage Manager) is a graduate of McMurry University with a BFA in Theatre. She is very active in the Austin theatre community as both an actor and a lighting designer. Amy's Austin area acting credits include, *Sordid Lives*, *Human Sketches*, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Shakespeare in Hollywood*, *Time Flies*, *Babels in Arms*, and *All in the Timing* at Sam Bass Community Theatre, *Dracula* at the Bastrop Opera House, *The Laramie Project* at City Theatre, *Bitten! A Zombie Rock Odyssey*, *The Automat*, *Bride of Slapdash*, *Slapdash Cinco de Flimflam*, *Slapdash Live Six Show* with Loaded Gun Theory, of which she is also a member and resident lighting designer. Past productions with Different Stages include *The Skin of Our Teeth*, *An Inspector Calls*, *What I Want Right Now*, *Mrs. Bob Crachit's Wild Christmas Binge*, *The Hollow*, and *Playboy of the Western World*.

JUSTIN LOUIS MORRIS (Light Design) is a native of southern Vermont. After receiving a B.F.A in Lighting Design from The Design Technology Program at SUNY Purchase, he spent some time working for CNN New York, before heading off to explore the world on a cruise ship. After spending six months living in a cruise ship theater, he and his wife traveled to Austin so he could share his talents with the south. He is excited for *Well* to be his debut show in Austin and he is grateful to the whole cast and creative team for creating a fantastic production.

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